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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. In particular the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) have been satisfied as shown by (1) the attached certification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) and (2) the concurrent filing of a check for the amount of \$ 180 to cover the Rule 97(d) fee set forth under Rule 1.17(p). A copy of the cited U.S. Patent is not being supplied pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii). A copy of a completed copy of Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

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I. <u>DISCLOSURE</u>

A. U.S. Patents

Patent No. <u>Inventor</u> <u>Issued</u>

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II. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

A. <u>U.S. Patent No. 4,858,121</u>

The '121 patent was cited in an Office Action regarding corresponding Canadian Patent Application No. 2,421,630.

It should be noted that previously cited U.S. Patent No. 5,950,169 was also cited in the above mentioned Office Action.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 20, 2006

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

I, John C. Freeman, certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement attached hereto was first cited in an Office Action for Canadian Patent Application No. 2,421,630 which is a counterpart foreign application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/667,612. The Office Action was mailed on March 29, 2006 which is not more than three months prior to the filing of the attached information disclosure statement.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

I, John C. Freeman, hereby state that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement attached hereto was first cited in an Office Action for Canadian Patent Application No. 2,421,630 which is a counterpart foreign application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/667,612. The Office Action was mailed on March 29, 2006 and so was not received by any individual designated under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the attached information disclosure statement.

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